



CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Costa Mesa is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living, attending school, working, and visiting our great city; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Fire Prevention Month theme, “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape. <sup>TM</sup>”, constructively serves to remind Costa Mesa it is important to have a home fire escape plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Costa Mesa’s professional men and women who serve as firefighters, first responders, EMTs, Paramedics, and community risk reduction experts are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through preparedness, prevention, protection, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, Costa Mesa residents who are engaged and responsive to community education efforts are better prepared to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes and also in our schools, and businesses, among all other venues in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of fatalities in home fires by half, and residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; failing to plan is planning to fail; and

**WHEREAS**, Costa Mesa residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan and demonstrate a commitment to active situational awareness are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire and any other emergency when it happens; and

**WHEREAS**, Costa Mesa residents will make the commitment to be sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and



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**WHEREAS**, the professionals of Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue serve the community with Respect, Integrity, and Compassion here in Costa Mesa and statewide, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, John Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim October as Fire Prevention Month, and I urge all the people of Costa Mesa to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Month 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Costa Mesa's fire and emergency services.

*Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.*

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*John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa*